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POLICE FORCE,
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Shanghai Municipal Council.

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Sir,

It is reported that a code telegram has been received at the Arsenal from Peking, saying that Yuan Shih Kai has received a report from one of his personal detectives in Shanghai to the effect that the rebels here will start trouble on the 19th or 20th instant.

Some time ago one of the gentry in Tsang Kuang Zah 3½ 12 2 Pootung was empowered by the Central Government to collect land tax at the rate of \$2.40 per mu from the country people in his district. A few days ago he started to collect the tax which action was resented by the country people. As a result of the trouble the day before yesterday a number of farmers attacked the notable's house, and burned it to the ground. While this was being done the local police arrived on the scene and had a fight with the country people, in the course of which one Constable and one countryman were killed, and two policemen were wounded. The trouble is not yet over, but troops are being sent to the scene.

It is reported that the anti-monarchists intend to assassinate Chief of Police Zee Koh Liang 9 ½ 12.

It is reported in rebel circles that Yuan Shih Kai has spent \$ 200,000.00 in organizing an assassination Corps and that he intends to have all prominent anti-monarchists murdered. This work will begin at once.

It is reported that the official astrologers in Peking have told Yuan Shih Kai that the future emperor of China has been born in Nanking. Yuan has been very upset since he heard this news and he now suspects General Feng of Nanking and General Yang of Shanghai of disloyalty. It is said that General Lieu who came here a few days ago for the ostensible purpose of ascertaining the attitude of the troops, really came to watch General Yang.

Your Obedient Servant,

M. M. M. S. H.

Chief Detective Inspector.

Captain Superintendent of Police.

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